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Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-described continuation application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "Background of the Invention" insert

Cross-Reference to Related Applicationsa1 This application is a divisional of the co-pending, commonly assigned, United States  
Patent Application Serial No.: 09/568,255, filed on May 10, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.